



# Ames Heritage Association

## The Ames Intelligencer

Special Issue

■ Newsletter for A.H.A. Members ■

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■ The Ames Intelligencer was the first newspaper in the city of Ames ■

### Exhibit on View Now!

#### Coming & Going:

#### The Lincoln Highway in Ames

Nov. 9, 2003 - January 18, 2004

presented at Ames Public Library on the mezzanine;  
open to the public during library open hours at 515 Douglas



In 1913, the Lincoln Highway charted a route through Ames, putting our community on the first trans-continental highway - a route that inspired

many Americans to take to the road and see America through the windshield of their autos. The exhibit shows what Ames looked like in the nineteen-teens, twenties and thirties, with homes, local businesses, filling stations and cafes lining the road. Accompanying display panels are Lincoln Highway artifacts, including an original "blue book" that guided drivers on the route by referring to road-side landmarks.

### Lincoln Highway Programs

Sunday, December 28, 2 - 4pm

#### "Traveling the Lincoln Highway" Family Program

Parents (or grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends) and children together are invited to discover what travel was like on the early Lincoln Highway. Drop in to the library mezzanine between 2 and 4 pm to participate at four activity stations. In the spirit of an early highway fundraising drive, a donation of 100 pennies is requested, some of which will be used in one of the activities.

Saturday, January 17, 10am

#### "Coming & Going: The Lincoln Highway in Ames" Lecture

Ames Public Library Community Room

Presented by Jeff Benson and Margaret Elbert Benson. An overview of the development of this important first national road will be presented, with emphasis on the view of the Lincoln Highway through Ames as it changed over time. Jeff and Margaret are avid Lincoln Highway researchers and are active in the Iowa Chapter of Lincoln Highway Association, having served as state co-chairs.

### Special Members Meeting, Mon. December 8, Will Discuss Name Change

A special Ames Heritage members' meeting will be held in conjunction with the AHA Board meeting on Monday, December 8, 7:15pm in Room 135 City Hall.

The Board is seeking a vote of the members on the matter of a **name change for the organization**. The proposed name is Ames Historical Society. All the original purposes of the organization as stated in the articles of incorporation and by-laws will remain the same. Organization founding members Farwell Brown, Terry Adams and Jere Maddux have been consulted and support the change. For at least a year, wherever possible, the phrase, "founded as Ames Heritage Association in 1980" will accompany the new name to explain the change.

The purpose for a name change would be to conform with the commonly used name for local history organizations. The Board believes this designation will help residents know the organization exists and will assist people in finding listings in phone books and during searches on the world wide web. The atypical name has caused a certain amount of confusion for members and non-members alike.

Those who cannot attend and would like to comment may do so by e-mail at [amesheritage@qwest.net](mailto:amesheritage@qwest.net) or by calling the museum at 232-2148 (please leave a message).

Ames Heritage Association Board: President - Kathy Svec; Vice-President - Carole Jensen; Secretary - open; Treasurer - Peggy Baer; Jorgen Rasmussen, Lynn Jenison, Margaret Elbert Benson, Catherine Hunt, Janet Jepeway, Leo Lawler, Micki Nelson, Dennis Wendell. The Board meets the second Monday of each month.

Ames Heritage Association is an incorporated, 501C3 not-for-profit organization dedicated to promoting interest in state and local history through publications, programs and exhibitions and the operation of two historic sites. Headquarters: 108 5<sup>th</sup>, Ames; Phone: 515-232-2148, amesheritage@qwest.net.

The Intelligencer newsletter is published four times a year for AHA members. Direct comments & questions to: Editor, PO Box 821, Ames, IA 50010.

Hoggatt School is located on the grounds of Meeker School, near 18<sup>th</sup> and Burnett, Ames, IA. Open April 1 through October 31.

Bauge Log Home is east & north McFarland Park's lake. The park is 1/2 mile east of Dayton Rd at 56461 180<sup>th</sup> Street. Open Sundays during good weather months.

**Here's the latest news about the current Ames Heritage Association exhibit and upcoming programs:**

### **Coming & Going: The Lincoln Highway in Ames**

**NOTICE of a special members' meeting:  
Mon. Dec. 8, 7:15pm at City Hall**

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